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REF: (A) LUSAKA 2532, (B) IIR 6926 005701

CLASSIFIED BY DCM REWHITEHEAD DUE TO 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY. IN ADDITION TO ASSET SEIZURE AND  
TRAVEL SANCTIONS FOCUSED ON A SMALL NUMBER OF TOP GOZ  
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OFFICIALS IMPLICATED IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND THE  
BREAKDOWN OF THE RULE OF LAW (REF A), THE HARARE COUNTRY  
TEAM HAS ALSO EXPLORED WHAT VIABLE TECHNOLOGY/DUAL USE  
SANCTIONS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY  
MEANINGFUL SANCTIONS THAT WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT  
CRITICAL POPULATION GROUPS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. THE LOW-  
TECH NATURE OF ZIMBABWE'S ECONOMY, THE ZIMBABWE DEFENSE  
FORCE'S (ZDF) DEPENDENCE ON (FORMER) EAST-BLOC HARDWARE,  
AND THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON COMMERCIAL LINKS BETWEEN  
PARASTATAL/ZANU-PF COMPANIES AND U.S. SUPPLIERS ARE  
IMPEDIMENTS TO TIGHTLY FOCUSED SANCTIONS THAT COULD  
PINCH THE ZANU-PF RINGLEADERS WITHOUT INFLECTING SERIOUS  
COLLATERAL DAMAGE ON THE ECONOMY.

2. (C) SUMMARY CONTINUED. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A SHORT  
LIST OF OUTMODED U.S. EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE ZDF INVENTORY  
THAT COULD BE TARGETED, BUT TO MINIMAL EFFECT. WE WILL  
FORWARD A LIST OF ZANU-PF-OWNED COMPANIES TO THE  
DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS INFORMATION IN  
WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE ON LINKS TO U.S. SUPPLIERS. UN  
STUDIES ON EXPLOITATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
CONGO'S (DRC) RESOURCES MAY OFFER ANOTHER, MORE  
INTERNATIONAL APPROACH. EVEN HERE WE WILL NEED TO TREAD  
CAREFULLY, SINCE MANY PARASTATAL/ZANU-PF FIRMS DEAL IN  
CONSUMER OR SERVICE PRODUCTS. SANCTIONS ON THESE WOULD  
RISK GENERATING UNEMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER SLOWDOWN OF THE  
ZIMBABWEAN ECONOMY, CREATING THE IMPRESSION AMONG  
ZIMBABWEANS THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN  
BABY AND BATH. END SUMMARY.

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BACKGROUND  
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3. (C) THE EMBASSY'S CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR Y2K  
REVEALED INTERESTING INSIGHTS INTO ZIMBABWE'S ECONOMY.  
BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS IMPOSED DURING THE  
UDI PERIOD, ZIMBABWE WAS FORCED TO BECOME AS SELF-  
RELIANT AS POSSIBLE. ONE RESULT WAS A RELATIVELY LOW-  
TECH APPROACH TO BOTH THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE  
SECTORS. GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY MARCHED FORWARD BUT ZIMBABWE  
DID NOT. MUCH OF ITS TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING  
REMAINS TECHNOLOGICALLY STUCK IN THE 1960'S, 1970'S OR  
1980'S, DEPENDING UPON THE SECTOR IN QUESTION. THIS  
REMAINS TRUE OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AS WELL --  
OUR Y2K SURVEY INDICATED THAT THERE WERE LESS THAN 100  
COMPUTERS IN THE MOD, ALMOST ALL OF THESE STAND-ALONES  
AND MANY NOT COMPATIBLE.

4. (C) SINCE INDEPENDENCE, SOME SECTORS HAVE MODERNIZED  
DUE TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF UP-TO-

DATE TECHNOLOGY. FOREIGN INVESTORS LAUNCHED SEVERAL WORLD CLASS MINING OPERATIONS (SOME NOW CLOSED). THE COMMERCIAL FARMING SECTOR, WHICH IMPORTS MANY OF ITS CHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL INPUTS, ALSO TAKES A BACK SEAT TO NO ONE. HOWEVER, BOTH OF THESE SECTORS HAVE SUFFERED SHARP DOWNTURNS DUE TO UNREALISTIC EXCHANGE RATES, THE CONCOMITANT UNAVAILABILITY OF FOREX, AND UNENLIGHTENED GOZ POLICIES ACROSS THE BOARD. ALREADY ON THE ROPES, THESE SECTORS WILL BE FURTHER WEAKENED BY EXTERNAL SANCTIONS. THE MEDICAL SECTOR ALSO ENJOYED SIGNIFICANT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE ARE IN  
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THE PROCESS OF BEING ROLLED BACK BY A DEARTH OF FUNDING AND A LACK OF SPARE PARTS. (A RECENT NEWS ACCOUNT INDICATED THAT 100 PATIENTS IN BULAWAYO ARE AT RISK BECAUSE THE DIALYSIS MACHINERY THEY NEED HAS BROKEN DOWN.) IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THIS IS OFF LIMITS.

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MILITARY SANCTIONS  
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15. (C) IN RECENT YEARS THE ZDF HAS SHOPPED FOR MOST OF ITS MILITARY HARDWARE IN EITHER CHINA OR THE FORMER EAST BLOC. ACQUISITIONS FROM THE WEST HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY RARE. THE ZDF MAINTAINS IN ITS INVENTORY A FEW VENERABLE AIRCRAFT OF U.S. MANUFACTURE, INCLUDING TWELVE BELL 412 JET RANGERS, EIGHT DAKOTA FIXED-WING TRANSPORTS, AND TWO CESSNA 235'S. VERY FEW OF THESE ARE CURRENTLY AIRWORTHY DUE TO A LACK OF SPARE PARTS. SENIOR ZDF OFFICERS HAVE RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS EQUIPMENT ALOFT, PREFERABLY WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS MONEY RATHER THAN TECHNOLOGY, SINCE SPARES FOR ALL OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE READILY AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN MARKET WITHOUT END USER CERTIFICATION, ON A CASH BASIS. THE ZDF'S BUDGET CRUNCH, AND THE DECISION BORN OF NECESSITY

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TO PUT MONEY INTO SALARIES AND BENEFITS RATHER THAN UPGRADING OR MAINTAINING HARDWARE, IS THE ROOT ISSUE (REF B), NOT THE AVAILABILITY OF PARTS.

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16. (C) ZIMBABWE MILITARY INDUSTRIES (ZMI), ANOTHER VESTIGE OF THE UDI POLICY OF SELF-RELIANCE, MANUFACTURE A RANGE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. OUTPUT IS TAILORED FOR THE ZDF AND OTHER SECURITY SERVICES. UNIFORMS AND KIT ARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEMS. LIGHT WEAPONRY PRODUCTION INCLUDES HAND GRENADES, SMALL ARMS MUNITIONS, 40 MM ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND ROCKETS, 60 MM MORTAR TUBES AND SHELLS, 81 MM AND 120 MM MORTAR SHELLS. OTHER WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND HEAVY MUNITIONS ARE ALL IMPORTED. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY ONLY ONE U.S. LINK TO THE ZMI IMPORT/EXPORT CYCLE, THE EXPORT OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 ROUNDS OF SMALL CALIBER HUNTING AMMUNITION TO A CALIFORNIA BUYER.



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